

Books to Read Aloud



One book is listed for each author, but other titles by these authors would also be good to read aloud.

- E Alyesworth ***Old Black Fly*** (1991)—Rhyming text and illustrations follow a mischievous old black fly through the alphabet as he has a very busy bad day landing where he should not be. (Preschool & Grades K-3)
- E Brett ***Three Little Daisies*** (2010)—A retelling of the Three Little Pigs starring three daisies of sub-Saharan Africa. (Preschool & Grades K-2)
- E Cannon ***Crickwing*** (2005)—A lonely cockroach saves the day for a group of leaf-cutter ants when their enemies attack. (K-3)
- E Carle ***Papa Please Get the Moon for Me*** (1986)—Monica's father fulfills her request for the moon by taking it down after it is small enough to carry, but it continues to change in size. Some pages fold out to display particularly large pictures. (Ages 2-Grade 1)
- E Donaldson ***The Gruffalo*** (1999)—A clever mouse uses the threat of a terrifying creature to keep from being eaten by a fox, an owl, and a snake—only to have to outwit that creature as well. (Preschool & Grades K-2) (Series)
- E Eagan ***Roasted Peanuts*** (2006)—Sam the horse gets picked to be on the local baseball team, but unfortunately his friend Jackson the cat, despite being a good thrower, is not selected. (Grades K-3)
- E Grey ***Traction Man is here!*** (2005)—A boy's courageous action figure, has a variety of adventures with Scrubbing Brush and other objects in the house. (Preschool & Grades K-3) (Series)
- E Harris ***The Three Little Dinosaurs*** (1999)—In this variation on the story of *the Three Little Pigs*, three young dinosaurs set out on their own, only to be hassled by a Tyrannosaurus rex who gets a big surprise in the end. (Grades K-3)
- E Hayes ***Dog Day*** (2008)—Ben and Ellie have a new teacher. A dog named Riff! Reading, writing, and arithmetic are abandoned in favor of lessons in barking, scratching, and digging holes. The kids are happy, but what will the principal think? (Preschool & Grades K-2)
- E Kettelman ***Bubba, the Cowboy Prince*** (1997)—Loosely based on Cinderella, this story is set in Texas, the fairy godmother is a cow, and the hero, named Bubba, is the stepson of a wicked rancher. (Grades K-3)
- E Kulka ***Wolf's Coming*** (2007)—All of the animals in the forest go into hiding because the wolf is coming, but why they are hiding is the big surprise. (Preschool & Grades K-1)
- E Lawson ***Bear on the Train*** (1999)—After being drawn to a train by the smell of grain, a bear helps himself to a snack then falls asleep as the train rolls along through the autumn, winter, and finally spring mountains. (Preschool & Grades K-3)
- E Litwin ***Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*** (2008)—Pete the Cat gets into many colorful adventures in his new white shoes. (Preschool – 1st)

- E Mayer ***Liza Lou and the Yeller Belly Swamp*** (1976)—With her quick thinking, Liza Lou manages to outwit all the haunts, gobblygooks, witches and devils in the Yeller Belly Swamp. (Grades K-3)
- E McCloskey ***One Morning in Maine*** (1952)—It's a big day for a little girl when she discovers her first loose tooth and makes a trip to the grocery store on the mainland. (Grades K-3)
- E McGovern ***Too Much Noise*** (1967)—Peter complains his house is too noisy so the wise man advises him to obtain some rather unusual house guests. (Preschool & Grades K-2)
- E O'Malley ***Captain Raptor and the Moon Mystery*** (2005)—When something lands on one of the moons of the planet Jurassica, Captain Raptor and his spaceship crew go to investigate. (Grades K-3) (Series)
- E Palatini ***Sweet Tooth*** (2004)—Stewart's loud, obnoxious sweet tooth constantly gets him into trouble, until Stewart uses a healthy diet to take control of the situation. (Grades K-3)
- E Pilkey ***Dog Breath*** (1994)—Hally, the Tosis family dog, has such bad breath that Mr. and Mrs. Tosis plan to give her away, until she proves to be an invaluable watchdog. (Grades 1-3)
- E Pinkwater ***Big Orange Splot*** (1977)—When a seagull drops a can of orange paint on his neat house, Mr. Plumbean gets an idea that affects his entire neighborhood. (Preschool & Grades K-2)
- E Polacco ***Just Plain Fancy*** (1990)—Naomi, an Amish girl whose elders have impressed upon her the importance of adhering to the simple ways of her people, is horrified when one of her hen eggs hatches into an extremely fancy bird. (Grades K-3)
- E Ransome ***Uncle Jed's Barbershop*** (1993)—Despite serious obstacles and setbacks, Sarah Jean's Uncle Jed, the only Black barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open his own barbershop. (Preschool & Grades K-3)
- E Sorel ***Johnny on the Spot*** (1998)—When Johnny's radio begins to broadcast the news from tomorrow, he begins a series of heroic and lucrative adventures. (Grades 2-5)
- E Stead ***A Sick Day for Amos McGee*** (2010)—A friendly zookeeper is visited by his zoo friends when he is too sick to make it to work. (K-2)
- E Thomas ***What will Fat Cat Sit On?*** (2007)—A group of animals is terrified at the prospect of being sat upon by the imposing Fat Cat, until the mouse comes up with a solution that satisfies everyone. (Preschool & K)
- E Tunnell ***Mailing May*** (1997)—In 1914, because her family cannot afford a train ticket to her grandmother's town, May gets mailed and rides the mail car on the train to see her grandmother. (Grades K-2)
- E VanAllsburg ***Probuditi!*** (2006)—A joke turns around when Calvin hypnotizes his little sister and then can't bring her out of her trance. (3rd-5th)
- E Wood ***King Bidgood's in the Bathtub*** (1985)—Despite pleas from his court, a fun-loving king refuses to get out of his bathtub to rule his kingdom. (Preschool & Grades K-2)
- E Wyllie ***A Flea in the Ear*** (1995)—When a fox tricks a dog into abandoning his post at the chicken house in order to get rid of his fleas, the dog discovers his error and returns the favor. (Grades K-3)